GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEAT PRODUCTS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meat substances are mixed in vegetarian preparations by Hotels, Restaurants and other food processors;

(b) whether such mixing is not warranted at permissible; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to remove this lacuna?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) : Under the PFA Act and Rules, which focus on food safety from the point of view of public health, there is no provision pertaining to the mixing of meat substances in vegetarian preparations. However, in the case of packaged foods it will become mandatory to place a statutory symbol in brown on the label of all food products containing non-vegetarian ingredients w.e.f. 4.10.2001. A final notification prescribing a similar symbol in green on the label of all products containing only vegetarian ingredients is also on the anvil. The scope of these notifications, which seek to facilitate informed consumer choice, does not extend to non packaged food products sold in hotels and restaurants.